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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Comments in Regards to LightSquared Technical Working Group Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Ms. Dortch,

I urge the Commission to approve LightSquared's proposed network and deem the issues of interference as negligible.


Given the rapid demand for wireless broadband data services across the country, it is imperative that we increase the amount of spectrum available for wireless broadband. LightSquared's proposed 4G-LTE network is our best opportunity to expand the nation's wireless broadband network. This privately funded initiative would provide access to next-generation wireless broadband to 260 million Americans, including many in rural areas of Bexar County and South Texas, who currently lack any or have limited ability to connect wirelessly to the Web. This could be achieved with spectrum long assigned to LightSquared and its predecessors.

Their network would service a business based wholesale model that would increase access and therefore competition in the wireless industry. It would allow small wireless providers to upgrade their service offerings and allow new entrants to compete among those who sell electronic devices requiring broadband wireless connectivity. While I understand the need for testing of interference issues that are disrupting GPS receivers in tests of LightSquared's transmissions, the Commission should not be swayed by the political pressure of GPS companies and their lobbyists. The methodical and science based consideration of the FCC to gather a cooperative technical working group of all the stakeholders, test the extent of interference, and then develop a remediation plan, is the prudent way to go.

I believe that the interference issues can be solved with the addition of filtering technology to GPS devices that mistakenly look for GPS signals inside of LightSquared's spectrum. The GPS industry has had many years to prepare for the utilization of the neighboring spectrum, and it should have already built such filters into its receivers as part of natural market driven improvements.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Anna Uriegas Bustamante, Secretary
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Cc: The Honorable Michael Burgess
The Honorable John Carter